



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY

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CMSP PROVIDER BULLETIN

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The County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department will discontinue the current County Medical Services Program (CMSP) effective December 31, 2013.

Since 1983, CMSP has served as the County's medically indigent services program, authorizing short-term medical services for eligible adult residents. Last year, the program helped over 3,200 individuals obtain health care services.

Because of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), uninsured adults can obtain health insurance through California's Health Benefits Exchange, known as Covered California, or through the expansion of Medi-Cal, effective January 1, 2014. Most CMSP clients will become eligible for Medi-Cal and a smaller number for subsidized health insurance through Covered California.

Because of these new opportunities and the reduction of state realignment funding for indigent care, the Public Health Department will discontinue CMSP in its current format effective midnight, December 31, 2013.

Applications, Claims & Appeals Deadline:

- **Individuals must submit an initial application to CMSP within seven days of a qualifying medical service provided up to 11:59 pm on December 31, 2013.**
- **Providers must submit claims to CMSP within 120 days of services provided up to 11:59 pm on December 31, 2013.**
- **CMSP will honor the 30-day period to appeal a denied claim for services provided up to 11:59 pm on December 31, 2013.**

The Public Health Department is informing CMSP clients about their new coverage options and offering assistance during the early enrollment process, which begins October 1, 2013. It is important that the people you serve complete enrollment for either Medi-Cal or Covered CA between October 1 and December 15, 2013 to ensure health care coverage starting January 1, 2014. Information about enrollment opportunities is enclosed.

More information is to follow regarding a newly structured Medically-Indigent Adult Services Program for the small number of residents who may still qualify for County-sponsored health care services.

CMSP staff are available to assist providers Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Claims, Accounting & Billing
Phone 781-4926
FAX 781-1266

Eligibility
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Prior Authorization & Utilization Review
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